

# NAVY SURGEON GENERAL VISITS CHICAGO FOR DOD WARRIOR GAMES [PHOTOS]

Shipmates,

Last week, I traveled west to participate in the opening ceremony of the 2017 DoD Warrior Games in Chicago, June 30 through July 2.

The DoD Warrior Games are an annual event allowing wounded, ill and injured service members and veterans to compete in Paralympic-style sports including track and field, shooting, archery, swimming, sitting volleyball and wheelchair basketball.

Here are a few trip highlights:

On day one, I visited McCormick Place, the largest convention center in North America, and cheered on the athletes participating in seated volleyball.



*Vice Adm. Faison watches Team Navy during seated volleyball.*



*Vice Adm. Faison and Force Master Chief Smith visit with service members supporting the Warrior Games.*

We started day two at the Pritzker Military Museum & Library. While there, I participated in a panel discussion focused on the recovery, rehabilitation, and reintegration of wounded warriors. I discussed Navy Medicine's efforts to strengthen our partnerships across DoD, industry and academia to maximize the care and support offered to military members and emphasized Navy Medicine's commitment to providing the highest quality medical care to our wounded warriors and their families.



*Vice Adm. Faison speaks with a Navy athlete and his family.*





*Vice Adm. Faison Participates in a panel discussion at Pritzker Military Museum & Library.*

Afterwards, we arrived at McCormick Field to watch seated basketball where I witnessed first-hand our athlete's comradery and determination. Go Team Navy!



*Vice Adm. Faison observes seated basketball.*



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After the games, we left for Soldier Field for the DoD Warrior Games 2017 opening ceremony. During the ceremony, Team Navy and other military branches and countries were commended for their participation and hard work in preparation for the games.



*Team Navy enters Soldier Field during the opening ceremony.*





*Vice Adm. Faison attends the opening ceremony.*



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It was a great honor and privilege to represent the Navy Medicine team and to observe the determination and fighting spirit of every athlete in attendance. I am proud to serve alongside such incredible warriors.

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*DoD Warrior Games 2017 opening ceremony.*